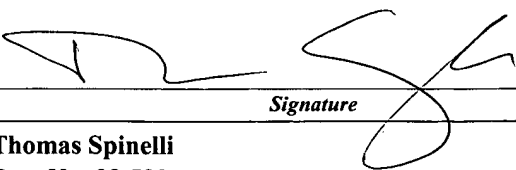
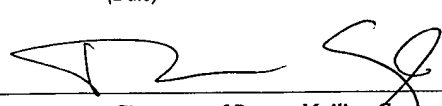


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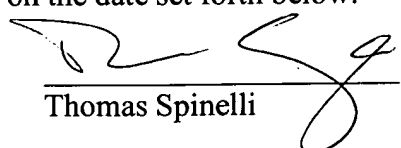
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In response to the Official Action dated August 18, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

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